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DEBORAH SAMPSON GANNETT'S HOME.

Diary
of
Deborah Sampson Gannett
in 1802

Deborah Gannett
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Preface.

In the closing years of the American War of Independence, a young Massachusetts woman, Deborah Sampson, enlisted as a private in the army and creditably behaved herself as a soldier. Her services were specially acknowledged and rewarded by the state and national governments in acts, or resolves, passed appropriating money to herself and family.

Soon after leaving the army, Deborah Sampson married Benjamin Gannet of Sharon, Massachusetts. Her house still stands, in fine preservation, with some alterations since the original erec-

tion. Its location is on the north-westerly side of East street in Sharon, a little north of Billings street. In this house Mrs. Gannett lived and reared a family, and here she died in 1827. Successive generations of her descendants have continued to live in the same house.

A grandson, Benjamin Gannett was born in this house, and recently died there at the age of nearly 76 years. Although quite small in his grandmother's day, he retained the impression of having assisted her by carrying upstairs a stick of wood or more to mend her fire, and being called "a good boy" for his pains.

An older grandchild, Rhoda Gannett Monk, now living in Stoughton, well remembers Deborah Gannett. Her brother Benjamin has told me that the school children would sometimes tease Mary Gannett by calling her "soldie".

Daniel Johnson, born in Sharon in 1820, now living in a healthful old age on East street, used as a boy to pass the Garnett house on his way to and from school. He not infrequently entered the house to see his school-mates living there. Thus he became acquainted with the warrior woman, and remembers her as a person of plain features.

The inaccurate statement was made last year in "The Ladies Home Journal" that no one then living remembered Deborah Sampson. But Sharon is too healthily a town for all the people living there in 1827 to have died off.

In 1802 Mrs. Garnett decided to enter upon a journey in which she delivered at prominent towns a "narrative" or "oration" concern-

ing her service in the continental army, accompanied with an exhibition of her proficiency in the unusual exercise while dressed for the purpose in a soldier's uniform. She kept a diary of her travels and public performances, with account of friends and some items of expense. This diary I have copied herein from the original book in the possession of a descendant. He received it from his mother who was born and bred in the Gannett mansion.

The first entry in the diary under date of Mar. 3, 1802 is written quite a number of pages from the beginning of the book. This circumstance might lead one to suppose that the writer had the thought of subsequently filling up the first pages with an account of the series of performances at the Federal Street Theatre in Boston which occurred six weeks earlier. This



TABLE-CHAIR USED BY DEBORAH
GANNETT, AND STILL IN THE KITCHEN OF THE HOMESTEAD.

supposed intention was not carried out.

The pages in different parts of the book left unfilled in the diary, were utilized for the record of charges for farm work done by the men and open. Here and there are noted the settlement of accounts between the farmers of the time. One entry reads thus, —

"June 1802 June. Joseph
Gannett Dr. to a hand and
"3 cattle Drawing Doggs from rattle
"Swallow will to Leonard & Kingsley's
"Fara."

Our heroine's freedom from conventionalism in daring to act and to speak in public possibly displeased her more quiet sisters of the day who sat at home or tended the room. But at this distance of time we have no word of censure for her who successfully

fought for liberty, and afterwards
stood upon the platform, or stage,
"and showed how fields were won!"

Eugene Tappan.

Sharon, Massachusetts.

July 16, 1901.

VIEW OF SHARON VILLAGE, FROM THE WEST.







1802] I took Stage
May 3d in Dedham. Rode to
Providence in company
with Mr. William Billings
and Lady. this polite
gentleman and Lady showed
Every mark of genuine friend-
ship. they invited me to
take tea with them at our
arivel. I informed these
generous people of my wishes
in making a publick appearance
Either in Mr. Amidons Hall
or in the Theatre. Mr. B.
informed me that he wished
to do every thing that lay in

William Billings — See note on page 35.

his power to assist me, and appeared to be much pleased in reading the bill of my performance in the Theatre at Boston. I conveyed my letters of recommendation to Mr. Wheeler, and this gentleman, Mr. Wheeler, came immediately and he advised me to perform in Mr. Amidon's Hall; and finely I gave him my bill of the performance in Boston, he printed my bill and they were set up in the most publick places in the town, and Wednesday Evening was to be the first of my performance. but I was quite unfortunate in deed, for I was taken quite unwell, and of course was obliged to postpone my exhibition until Thursday eveng.

May 5. When I entered the Hall, I must say I was much pleased at the appearance of the audience. it appeared from almost every countenance that they were full of unblieff - I mean in Regard to my being the person that served in the Revolutionary Army.

Some of them which I happened to overhear Spoke that I was a lad of not more than Eighteen years of age. I sat some time in my chair before I rose to deliver my Address. When I did, I think I may with much candor upland the people for their serious attention and peculiar Respect, especially

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the ladies.

Saturday } I took Stage and
May 8th. } Rode from Providence to
Boston. Sunday I was very
sick of a Disentary. at 5
o'clock I took five of Dr.
Audossens pill which appeared
to have no effect in regard
to afford me the least Relief.

10. On Monday morning
I took a large dose of castor
oil which had a tendency
to Relieve me.

13 I continued at
Mr. Wil — until thirsday.
then I took Stage, came
home to Sharon. tarrid until
26 then Rode to Dedham
in my own carriage.

27 went to boston
with Mrs. Mann. returned
the same Evening.

28 Returned home in



CHESTNUT TREE IN SHARON, NEAR MASSAPOAG BROOK

much anxiety of mind, which is natural to sore disappointments.

I tarried with my family the most of the month of June, much agitated in mind - anxious to persevere in my journey - tho' a heart filled with pain when I realized parting with my three dear children and other friends.

I may say four dear children - my dear little Susann Shepperd, which I took at five days old at her mother's death.

July 3d Left my family. My son carried me to Capt. James Tisdale, Medfield, on Saturday.

I tarried until the next Wednesday, then hired horse and chaise, went on to Sudbury, tarried until Thursday.

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Morning. took Stage, went on to Worcester, taried at Mr. Jacob Miller's untill Saturday Morning.

10. hired Horse and chaise, went on to Holden to Capt. George Webb's. taried there untill 29th. Exhibited 30. in Holden before a Very Respectable Circle.

Aug. 3d I left Capt. Webb's, went on to Worcester. took 4. Stage, went as far as Capt. 5. Draper's, Brookfield.

went on for Springfield, but concluded not to go because of indisposition. I hired horse and chaise, went on to Mr. William Howe in Brookfield. taried until the 9th, then Exhibited before an

harrow audience of Gentlemen
and Ladies.

Left Brookfield 10,
went on in the Mail as far as
Springfield to Mr. E. Williams
formerly of Roxbury, a fine
family indeed.

Red 11 Dol. 13th Delivered an
Oration in the Court House
before a Very Respectable
audience. Had the pleasure
of conversation after the close
of the Scene with Col. Orr of
Bridgewater - not any acquain-
tance of my own - but a former
acquaintance of My family.
he gave me a very polite
invitation to Visit his family
the Next Day, which I did
in company with Mr. Williams.
we had a Very agreeable inter-
view indeed.

Aug. 16. Went from Springfield

to North Hamilton in Mr. Williams
chaise. My health but poor

See contents
of this leaf
on pages 43
& 44.

[Here a leaf is missing
from the diary.]

the soil is a light sand
nearly over shoe, some times
like that in North Carolina
on the pine baron. Nothing
served either to animate a
drooping mind or even to
afford the consolation. the
stage stopt once long enough
for the passengers to alight.

we went into a
log house which is called a
tavern. I could understand
but very little of their conver-
sation. all was gloominess.

Wednesday, 8th. { Dear, could I
but once more see my
3 dear children! Why
do I say 3? have I forgotten

LAKE MASSAPOAG, NORTH END.



my Dear little Susanna Shepperd!
Thirs. 9. Delivered an oration
at Ballstown at the Springs.
there is a Very Great curiosity
at this Spring. the water when
first Dipt in a tumbler is
full of white Sparkles and
continues so for the Space of
one minute. then it appears
the Spirit leaves it.

it is thought best
to Drink of it when these
Sparkles are full in animation.
the taste is Very Disagreeable
at first Drinking for a few
times. those who have drank
of it a Considerable time appear
to like it; but it tastes to me
Very much like psalts dissolved
in common water.

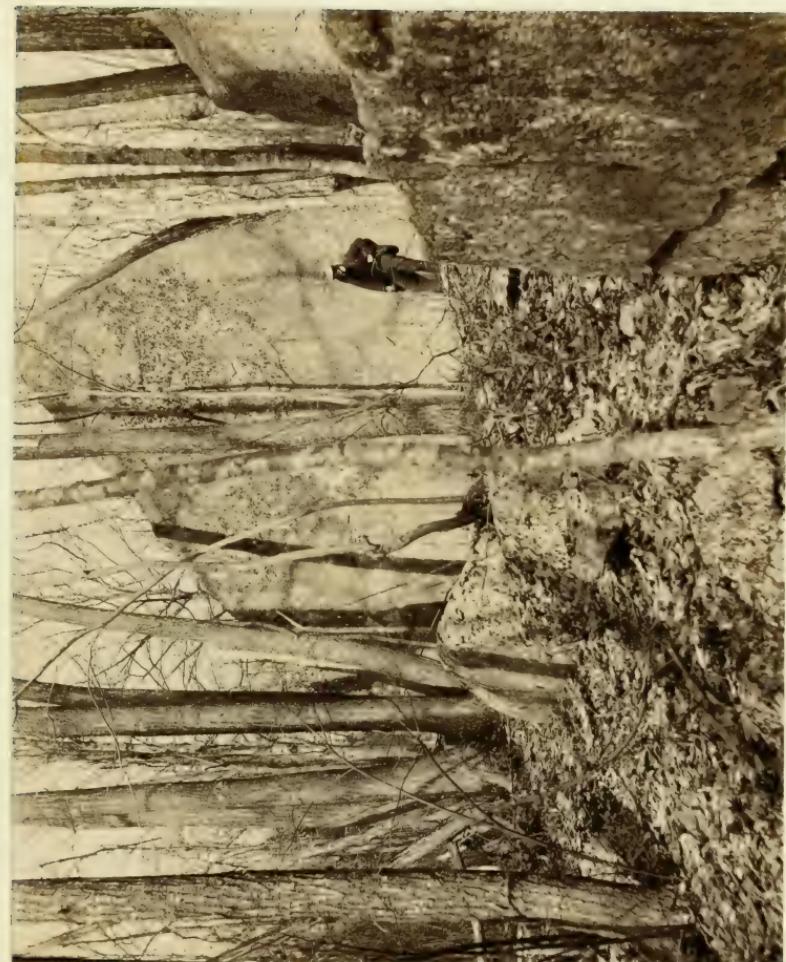
there is a great Number
of people here at these Springs
from almost all Quarters. they

give great credit to the waters.
I am led to think that the
ride and taking a rural air
is equally as advantageous as
the water it self.

this Ballstown is
eight miles from Saratoga, twenty
five from Schenectady. it lies
nearly N W from Albany - it
is said upwards of 40 M from
Albany - we cross the Mohawk
River 20 miles above the falls
which is N from Albany.

after crossing the
mohawk we go through a
desolate looking country - here
and there a small log hut,
very small cattle and hogs.
I saw but 7 sheep in my jour-
ney from Albany to Ballstown,
and them were very small.

after we got into
Ballstown the land appeared



A BOULDER ("DEVIL'S ROCK") IN SHARON, NEAR MASSAPOAG BROOK.

Very good and many farms under good cultivation. the Buildings are principally good, the town very large but somewhat broken. June, July and August are thought the most advantageous months to visit those springs.

Friday 9.

Saturday 10 I arrived at Albany to Capt. Keelers very much fatigued indeed. I have a gloomy ride this day through barren sands over pine and scrub plains, one of these plains is 16 miles in length - Nothing in the beast inviting to the weary traveller.

Sund. 11. I this day am taken very sick with the tooth ache and ague in my face.

12 No better, in extreme pain. no rest day nor night

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friday, 17. I am in some
measure Relieved.

October 13. I am this Day at
the City Hudson, ths' Lute
unwell. I have Done no
business for this long time.

13th I am Lute unwell.

I have Done no business to
14 advantage for this long time -

15 only Spend money. O, how
gloomy are my feelings! no

16 prospect of any thing but trouble

17 before me - a great Distince

18 from my Native home among
entire Strangers.

19 I am Very unwell
yet, but am better.

20 Came at Catskill.

Very Glad to see

24 Set out my Journey

for Shenango in Mr. Baldwin's
30 wagon. I arrived at Sisquehannoh.

November } Cross the River at
1 } Water's Ferry.

11 I arrived at Judge Paterson's at 11. this respectable family treated me with every mark of distinction and friendship, and likewise all the people did the same. I really want for words to express my gratitude. they often met together in the neighbourhood and had the most social meetings. they seemed to unite in hearty congratulations with my old friend Judge Paterson on our happy meeting.

thus I spent my time as agreeably as one can imagine considering my circumstances. but oh, how often is mind harrowed up by recollection! to think my self so far from my dear children, no opportunity of hearing from them

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and God only knows when I
shall be so happy as to see them.

Decr 11 I set out on my jour-
ney from Lisle in company

with Judge Paterson Esq. and

16th. Flatly Back to the Dis-
^{Judge} quehannoh. arrived the 14th
left me, p.m. put up at Bushes at
Watles fery.

27 here I am yet and
see no prospect of getting away
owing to the badness of the weather.

Satur. I am still at the
Jan. 1 Disquehannoh. No opportunity
2 presents for my going on to
New York.

3d. I am very unwell
indeed.

4. No better.

5. threatened with
the fever - a violent pain
in my Read and Left side.

6th. Sent for Dr. Huntington. my
fever is seated on me.



DEBORAH SAMPSON STREET IN SHARON.
SOUTH END OF STREET AT JUNCTION WITH AMES STREET.

The places and families
where I have tarried on or at
when absent from my family
of last March.

Mr. Robert Williams, Boston,
Liberty Square.

Mrs. Jones, widow, at Providence.
Capt. John Seamons, at Newport
ferry, Wharf Lane.

Mr. Herman Mann's, at Dedham.
Capt. James Tisdale's, at Medfield.

At Sudbury one night. I forget
the Land Lord's name.

At Worcester, Mr. Jacob Miller's.

At Holden, Capt. George Webb's.

At Brookfield, Mr. William Howes.
and at Capt. Draper's, at Springfield.

Mr. Eleazar Williams, son to Dr.
Williams, formerly of Roxbury,
at Northampton, Mr. Howards.

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Mr. Alfred Ponroy, at Chesterfield.
at Pittsfield, Mr. Allen's.
at Albany, Capt. Heeler's in Green
Street.
at Schenectady, Mr. James Rogers.
at Ballston, Mr. Mac Masters.
Capt. Ashleys, at City Troy.
Mr. Booth, at City Hudson.
Mr. Streets, in Catskill. Left
on Friday.
Mr. Bostick, Easton.
at Mr. Brewhalls, Reopcheq.
at North Hampton, at Mr. Ponroy's.
at Chesterfield, Mr. Whitemores.
then on to Albany.

At the pool at Bethlehem
a great curiosity indeed. I saw
3 coaches, 5 chaise, 1 hack and
two horse wagons all full with
people going as it were into
the pool of Siloam to be cleansed



NORTH END OF DEBORAH SAMPSON STREET IN SHARON,
AT JUNCTION WITH BILLINGS STREET.

I observed among the rest the impotent man which we read of in Scripture, one of the greatest cripples I ever saw, however he was put into the pool, and that was the last I saw of him.

My Expense in Albany.	D.	C.
to old key keeper	2	0
to Mr. Barber for printing	3	0
to Mr. Lester for filling		
blank and finding candles.	1	34
to Mr. Giles for attendance	2	67
to Sweeping the Court house	0	48
for cleaning the candle sticks	0	20
for brushing the Seats	0	17
for the Dressing my Hair, 2 Win.	1	0
to Boarding	6	0
to washing	1	34
to one umbrella	6	0
to one cloak and trimming	6	39
to one hankerchieff	1	0

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to 1 seat in the Mail for
Albany to Schenectady 1 0
then cross the Mohawk River,
went on to Ball's Town Springs 1 33
from there to Saratoga Springs 0 68
from there Back to Bolton.
from there Back to Schenectady.
from there Back to Albany.
from Albany to the City of Troy.
from there Back to Albany.
from there to the city Hudson

Albany, February 23, 1803.
this day I am at Mr. Gravens.
24th. I have bought 1 pair of
silk Gloves, 1 Silk Shall, 1 pair
Moroco Shoes, 1 Neck hankerchieff
Dace, 3 yards yard wide. C Hm
hun. 3 Scanes of thread. 5 Scanes
Sewing Silk.



COBB'S TAVERN, EAST STREET IN SHARON

	£	C
Cost of my Bonnet	2	17
Morocco Shoes	1	36
1 Shade	1	17
1/2 yard Sattin Ribond	0	20
1 Scme black Sewing Silk	0	8
1 Ivory comb	0	34
Expense at Sudbury Tavern	1	0
1 Diner at Moses		40
1 Nigt Lodging		17
Printing bills 3 hundred		
1 hundred tickets	5	1 34

22 March bill of Expenses one

Hundred £.

another Ninety two.

another Ninety two.

and the 4 Evening two
Hundred and fifty in the Theatre,
Boston, Federal street. the last
Evening was my benefit Nigt.

Boarding 4 Dolls pr. week.
3 weeks in all in Boston 12 Dollars.

Staying at Boston and home	\$	C
four 4 times	4	50
from Boston to Providence, in Mail	2	0
passage to New port	0	84
passage back to Providence	0	84
passage to Boston from Providence	1	50
passage to Taunton	2	34
to Boston back from Taunton	2	34
passage to Dedham from Boston	0	50
to Sudbury in private carriage	2	50
on to Suebury	1	68
then to Worcester longer	0	50
private carriage to Holden	1	
from Holden to Worcester	0	68
from Worcester to Brookfield	1	67
from Brookfield to Springfield	1	50
from Springfield to North Hampton	4	50
Rode in a private carriage.		
from N. Hampton to Chesterfield	1	50
from Chesterfield to Pittsfield	1	0
then to Albany	2	50

Sunday, June this
 Day arrived at Newport 4 o'clock
 p.m. Very sea-sick. taried but
 4 days, then went to Providence
 by water. then took Stage, went
 on to Boston, and then in Bedford
 Stage home to Sharon.

Aug. 21. Wrote a letter home
 to Sharon Subcribed to Mr. John
 Gavels accompanied with 100-10
 Dollars, which I hope my family
 will make a good use of.

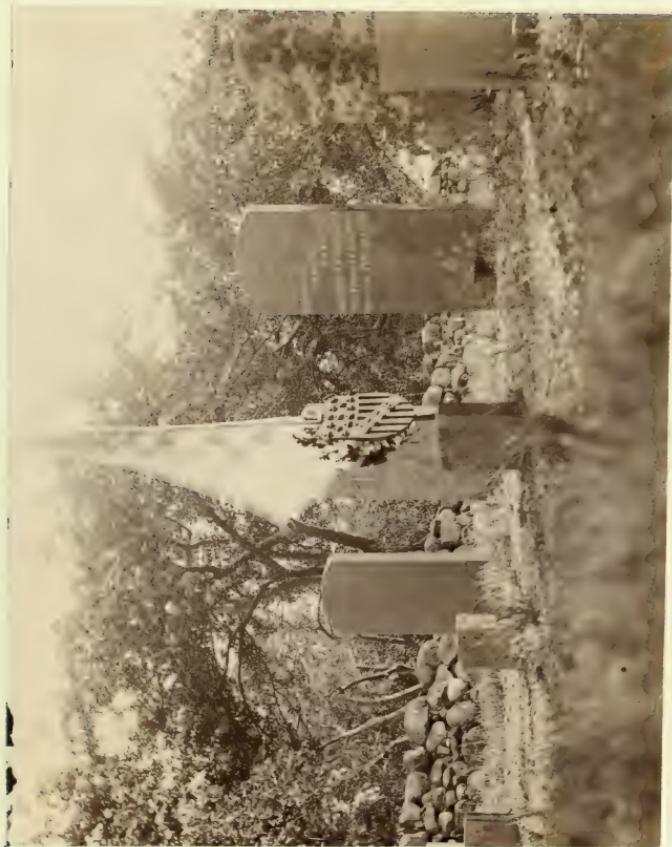
[The following is written on the
 inside of cover of the diary.]

the Names of my three Dear Children,
 Earl Bradford Gannett, Mary Gannett,
 patia Gannett, of Sharon, County
 of Norfolk, Massachusetts.

See note on
 page 39.



SHARON VILLAGE



GRAVE OF DEBORAH SAMPSON GANNETT, ROCKRIDGE CEMETERY IN SHARON.

Notes.

Mrs. Gannett's performances in Boston, referred to in her Diary, took place in the Federal Street Theatre, and consisted of the delivery of her narrative as a Continental soldier, and the going through the manual exercise by her while she was equipped in complete uniform. The following theatrical announcements are found in the Boston bi-weekly newspaper, "Columbian Centinel [and] Massachusetts Federalist," in the issues of March 20, 24 and 27, 1802.

(Saturday, March 20, 1802)

Federal Street Theatre.

The public are respectfully informed that Mrs. Gannett, the American Heroine, who served three years as a private soldier in the Continental Army during the war, will at the request of a number of respectable persons, make her appearance on the stage this evening, for the purpose of relating her narrative &c.

(Wednesday, March 24, 1802)

Federal Street Theatre.

The public are respectively informed that Mrs. Gannett (late Deborah Sampson), the American Heroine, who served three years as a private soldier in the continental army during the war, will, at the request of a number of respectable persons, make her second

appearance on the stage, this evening,
for the purpose of relating her narrative &c.

This Evening March 2nd [4]
will be presented (by particular
desire) for the second time these
two years, the much-admired
Historical Play in 5 acts called

King Henry the IV th.
with the humors of Sir John Falstaff.
To which will be added by way
of Farce, an Olio, Comedy of Song,
Sentiment &c. called

The Soldier's Festival
on the eve of Battle.

1st. In the course of which
Mrs. Garnett will deliver her
Narrative - 2d Glee, "How merrily
we live that soldiers be." 3d Song,
"How stands the glass around?"
4th Glee, "Here's a health to all
true lasses." 5th Glee, "How shall
we mortals spend our hours?"

Mrs. Garnett, except in

complete uniform, will go through the manual exercise. The whole to conclude with the song and chorus of "God save the sixteen States."

(Saturday, March 27, 1802)

Federal Street Theatre.

For the Benefit of Mrs.

Garnett. Being positively her last appearance on the stage, and the last night of Columbus for the season.

On Monday next March 29 will be presented for the last time this season the grand Historical Drama of Columbus; or, America Discovered.

End of the Play, Mrs. Garnett will relate her Narrative. After which a Pantomimical Entertainment in 1 act called Harlequin's Frolic.

Mrs. Garnett, equipped in complete uniform, will go through the manual

exercise. The whole to conclude with the song and chorus of "God save the sixteen States."

~~For~~ For particulars, see Bills.

~~For~~ Mr. Campbell informs his friends that his Benefit is fixed for Wednesday.

Mr. William Billings and Lady. In the Providence R. I. record of marriages is the marriage of William Billings and Anney Burr November 28, 1799.

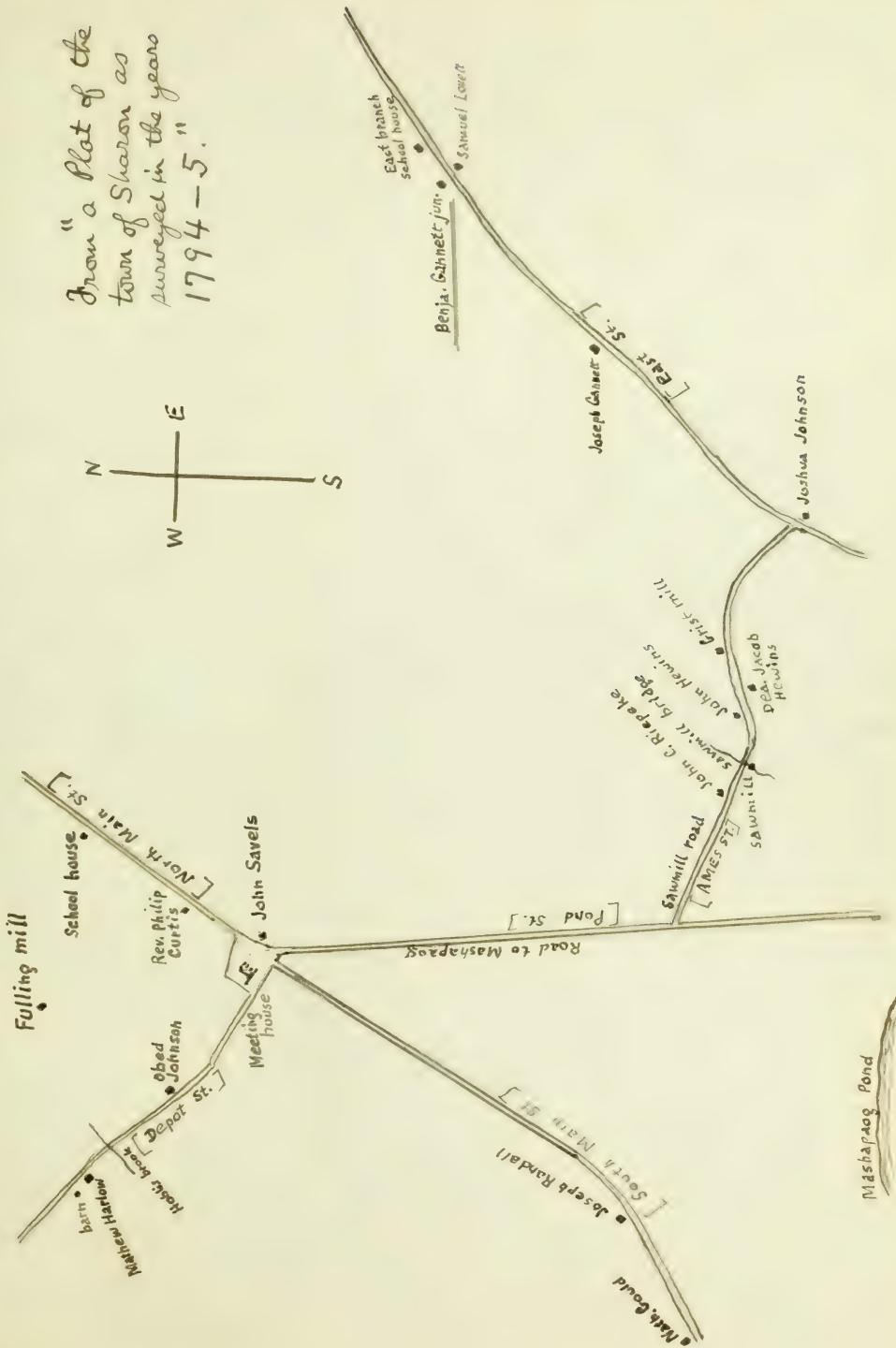
Tavern in Sudbury.

Mrs. Gannett says, "I forget the Land Lord's name." If she stopped at the oldest and most celebrated house, then it was at the old Howe Tavern.

built about 200 years ago, and kept for more than a century and a half as an inn by four generations of the Howe family. Adam Howe was the landlord at the time of Mrs. Gannett's journey. He kept the tavern for forty years beginning in 1796. Longfellow immortalized the house in his "Tales of a Wayside Inn"; wherein landlord Howe leads off with his tale of "Paul Revere's Ride." The inn for years was called "Red Horse Tavern," from having a sign of a red horse.

"And, half effaced by rain and shine,
The Red Horse prances on the sign."

From "A Plot of the
town of Sharón as
surveyed in the years
1794-5."



Herman Mann of Dedham.

Mr. Mann is mentioned in the list of places and families where Mrs. Gannett tarried, and she speaks on one occasion of having gone with Mrs. Mann to Boston. Herman Mann is said to have written the narrative of Deborah Gannett, entitled "The Female Review", and published at Dedham in 1797. This book was reprinted in 1866 in the "Life of Deborah Gannett, the female soldier in the war of the Revolution", with notes &c. by John Adams Vinton. It was a limited edition, published by Wiggin & Lunt, Boston.

Capt. George Webb of Holden.

In Deborah Gannett's petition in 1792 to the Governor and Legislature, she says that she enlisted May 20.

1782 in the 4th regiment in Capt. George Webb's company. She was mustered in at Worcester. From her diary it seems that when at Worcester in July 1802, she hired a horse and chaise and went to Capt. George Webb's in Holden, the adjoining town on the north, and spent several weeks at his house. During this visit she exhibited "before a very respectable circle" The captain and private were no doubt glad to see each other, and his endorsement would dispel any disbelief in her unique story.

"My old friend Judge Paterson." Query: what connection with Gen. Patterson, at one time during the revolution at West Point, and acquainted with Deborah Sampson as a soldier?

Deborah Gannett's children. Their father, Benjamin Gannett, in his will dated in 1828 and proved in 1837, gives legacies "to my daughter Polly Gilbert wife of Judson Gilbert", and "to my daughter Patience Gay wife of Seth Gay", and the residue of the estate "to my son Earl B. Gannett". Polly is the Mary and Patience is the Patia named in the diary.

Earl B. Gannett's will is dated in 1838 and was proved in 1845. His family as named in the will consisted of his wife Mary, four sons, Earl, Benjamin, Thomas and Warren, and three daughters, Mary Monk wife of Barzillai Monk, Patience Drake wife of Asabel S. Drake, and Rhoda Gannett.

Benjamin Gannett, grandson of Deborah Gannett, died in the old homestead January 2, 1901.

Rhoda Gannett, granddaughter

of Deborah Gannett, married Elijah W. Monk. Both are living in Stoughton.

Patience Gay, daughter of Deborah Gannett, had a son George Washington Gay who died in Sharon in 1889 leaving a widow Eunice Lyon Gay. She resides on Depot street in the village. Mr. Gay's will, after giving his widow a life estate in his property with power to use the whole or any part of the principal, provides that any residue remaining at her death shall go to the town of Sharon, one half for the common schools, and the other half for a monument to the Sharon soldiers in the civil war. This provision then follows: - "I further request to have the name Deborah Sampson Gannett with proper reference to her service in the war of the revolution inscribed on the same memorial stone"

Susanna Sheppard.

Mrs. Garnett mentions "my dear little Susann (Susanna) Sheppard which I took at five days old at her mother's death". The Stoughton records show that Susanna Baker Sheppard, daughter of Oliver Sheppard & Susanna his wife was born Sept. 25, 1796; also that Susannah, wife of Oliver Sheppard died Oct. 1, 1796 aged 39 years. There are five whole days between these two dates. Persons living in Sharon remember Susanna Sheppard. She used to work in Mann's mill.

John Patterson was born in Farmington, Conn. in 1744, and died in Lisle, near Whitney's Point, in New York July 19, 1808. He was made

brigadier-general in 1777 and was attached to the northern department. He served at the defeat of Gen. Burgoyne, and was not mustered out of service till after the end of the revolutionary war. He removed from Lenox, Mass. to Lisle, and was the first presiding judge of Broome County. He was a member of Congress, 1803 to 1805. These facts are taken from Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, revised edition.

The diary shows a very cordial reception of Deborah Garrett at the Judge's house based on a former acquaintance. It seems probable that this acquaintance was begun when both were in the army.

[contents of the "missing leaf;"
to go in on page 16.]

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august. I have taken up

Boardings and lodgings

tuesday 17. in Mr. Penrods family $\frac{2}{\$}$ $\frac{6}{\$}$
untill Saturday next $\frac{8}{\$}$ $\frac{67}{\$}$

Augt. 18. Delivered an oration at
Northampton $\frac{2}{\$}$

19. Recd $17 - 0$

20. Went on to Chesterfield $\frac{1}{\$}$ expence

21. Went on to Pittsfield $1 - 87$

22. Went on to Alberney
pasag through $4 34$

23. expence whitemores $0 70$

24th took Boarding and Lodgings

at Mrs. Keelers in Green Street

a very good family and but

3 Boarders. I have a parlor

chamber to my Self without

Albany, the least interruption except
the city Noise.

31. Delivered an oration in the
Court House.

Sept. 1. Delivered an address.

Sept. 6. 3 o'clock Left Albany, took
Stage, went on for the city of

Schenectady . arrived the same Evening .

Tuesday 7. Delivered an oration in the Mesonac Hall occupied by Mr. James Rogers where I have taken boarding and Lodgings for a short time . the family are a fine people indeed . they formerly belonged to Connecticut . this City is situated on the West Branch of the Mohock River . it is a gloomy way indeed from Albany to this place .

Advertisement in the Massachusetts Spy . of Worcester , July 21. 1802 .

Mrs. Garnett's Exhibition .

The Ladies and Gentlemen of Worcester are respectfully informed that Mrs. Garnett , the celebrated American Heroine , who served near , three years with great reputation in the Revolutionary Army , will , at the request of a number of respectable characters deliver an address to the inhabitants of this town in the Court House , to morrow , at 5 o'clock .

Mr. Tappan gave the sum of one
penny, Miss Elizabeth - nothing
half-pence.

Deborah Sampson Gannett
dinner in Sharon town hall, April
3, 1902. The dinner was in commemoration
of Mrs. Gannett's lecturing tour. 98 persons
sat down to dinner in the main town
hall in the evening. The hall was hung
with flags. On the walls were displayed
the names, Anne Hutchinson, Hannah
Drexlin, Deborah Sampson, Mary Lyon.
After dinner speeches were made by
Rev. Dr. G. L. Dibblee of Monroe, N.H.,
Rev. S. H. of Worcester, Mrs. Anna B.
Pitch of Whitman, Edmund H. Tolson
and Rev. Dr. C. J. Tappan of Sharon. Frank E.
Tappan read an address written by Rev.
S. N. Tolson, D.D., of Brighton, Mrs. Anna G.
Munby, a great granddaughter of Mrs.
Gannett, read extracts from the diary of
1802 and from the address then delivered.
George Tappan was toastmaster. Some of
the toasts were, - Deborah Sampson, the
lone woman; the first woman of the

past, may we ever keep their memories green; Woman's last and best act of creation. Equal honor is made to the woods, "W. was there", taken from the description of the White Pine's engagement in Mrs. Garnett's printed address. The banquet was a full course dinner served by Mr. L. Howe of Hyde Park. The committee of arrangements were Eugene Sapona, Frank L. Bullock, Timothy F. Green, Mrs. Edward Warren and Louis M. Cook.

Mr. Garnett's address. This address was printed in 1802 in a pamphlet of 30 pages. A copy is in the Dedham Historical Society's library. The title page is as follows: —

An
Address,
delivered with applause,
At the Federal-Street Theatre, Boston,
four successive nights of the different
peeps, beginning March 2d, 1802;
and after, at other principal towns, a
number of nights successively
at each place.

by H. Deacon Grout,
the American Heronie,
who served three years in the rebellion
(undiscovered as a female) in the late
American War.

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